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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Alexander SCHNELL, Klaus GERMERDONK and Giampiero ANTONELLI for A NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING METHOD OF DETERMINING THE DEPLETION OF A COATING.

☒ Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: ALSTOM Technology Ltd, Baden, Switzerland.

Also enclosed are:

☒ 2 sheet(s) of drawings;

☒ a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is ☒ hereby made to Appln. No. 02406063.4 filed in Europe on December 6, 2002;

☒ in the declaration;

☐ a certified copy of the priority document;

☒ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

☒ an Assignment document;

☒ an Information Disclosure Statement;

☐ a patent application data sheet; and

☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment

☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

☒ also is enclosed ☐ will follow.

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows ☒ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	5	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =		× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					\$ 770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$ 810.00</b>

☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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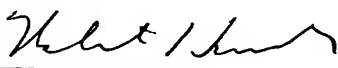
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